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January 23, 2015

Mr. D. Christle
Secretary and Executive Director
Public Utilities Board
400-330 Portage Avenue
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Dear Mr. Christle:

RE: Manitoba Hydro 2015/16 & 2016/17 General Rate Application – Supporting Information

On January 16, 2015, Manitoba Hydro filed with the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (“PUB”) its Letter of Application (Tab 1) with respect to the 2015/16 & 2016/17 General Rate Application (“Application”). Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will be filing the remaining Tabs, which provide the supporting materials for the Application, on January 23, 2015.

Please find attached nine (9) copies of the following material with respect to the Application:

- Tab 1, Letter of Application, which sets out the approvals sought by Manitoba Hydro in this Application (previously filed January 16, 2015);
- Tab 2, Overview and Reasons for Application, which provides an overview of the circumstances giving rise to the rate increases requested in this Application;
- Tab 3, Integrated Financial Forecast and Economic Outlook, which provides an overview of the financial outlook of the Corporation, including its financial targets and ratios, as well as the economic outlook and the corporate debt management strategy;
- Tab 4, Capital Expenditure Forecast, which summarizes the capital expenditure requirements of the Corporation and the drivers of these requirements;
- Tab 5, Financial Results and Forecast, which provides actual and forecast revenues and expenses for 2012/13 to 2016/17, and an overview of the initiatives undertaken by the Corporation to reduce costs and ease pressure on financial results and rates;
- Tab 6, Proposed Rates and Customer Impacts, which provides the proposed rates by customer class and associated customer bill impacts;
- Tab 7, Electric Load Forecast, which provides information on current electric load and load growth assumptions from Manitoba Hydro’s load forecast;

- Tab 8, Demand Side Management, which provides an overview of the role of Demand Side Management (“DSM”) in the Corporation’s business activities, the current DSM Plan, and the progress of DSM programs to date;
- Tab 9, Energy Supply, which provides information on energy supply planning as well as an estimate of energy generation based on prevailing water conditions; and,
- Tab 10, Directives and Interim Orders, which provides information on the interim Orders for which Manitoba Hydro is seeking final PUB approval, and responses to and status of PUB directives.

As noted in PUB’s letter of January 16, 2015, Manitoba Hydro is preparing the information identified in the PUB’s Minimum Filing Requirements (“MFRs”) and, where possible, has incorporated this information in the various Tabs of this Application. Manitoba Hydro will endeavour to provide as many of the remaining MFRs as possible, prior to the Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled for February 5, 2015.

As noted in the draft timetable provided on January 16, 2015, Manitoba Hydro will be hosting an Application Overview Workshop on January 29, 2015. In preparation for the Workshop, Manitoba Hydro believes that a review of Tab 2 of its Application would be particularly useful as it discusses the circumstances giving rise to the requested rate increases. The remaining Tabs provide parties with substantive details in support of the Application. Manitoba Hydro is requesting parties to confirm their attendance to the workshop by January 26, 2015.

Should you have any questions with respect to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the writer at 204-360-3633.

Yours truly,

MANITOBA HYDRO LAW DIVISION

Per:



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Barrister & Solicitor

cc: Interveners of past record (2012/13 & 2013/14 General Rate Application and Needs For and Alternatives To proceedings)

Att.